

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the Application of:)
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Serial No. 10/616,319)
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For: Ultrasound Breast Screening Device)
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SUPPLEMENTAL REPLY BRIEF

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Dear Sir:

This Paper responds to the Supplemental Examiner's Answer mailed on June 2, 2008. The Applicants respectfully request that the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences reverse the final rejection of claims 1-65 of the present application for the reasons set forth in the Appeal and Reply Briefs and the following:

REMARKS

The Supplemental Examiner's Answer filed on June 2, 2008 is almost identical to the Examiner's Answer mailed on April 15, 2008. *Compare* April 15, 2008 Examiner's Answer at pages 3-11 *with* June 2, 2008 Supplemental Examiner's Answer at pages 4-12. The only differences the Applicants discern are that the Supplemental Examiner's Answer adds a "Real Party in Interest" statement (*see* Supplemental Examiner's Answer at page 3) and "5,479,927 Shmulewitz 1-1996" in the "Evidence Relied Upon" section (*see id.*). Thus, the Applicants respectfully submit that the Appeal Brief filed on November 30, 2007, and the Reply Brief filed on April 25, 2008, address the arguments raised in the Supplemental Examiner's Answer.

Thus, for at least the reasons discussed in the Appeal and Reply Briefs, the Applicants respectfully submit that the pending claims are allowable in all respects. Therefore, the Board is respectfully requested to reverse the rejections of pending claims 1-65.

While no fee is believed due with respect to this Reply Brief, the Commissioner is nevertheless authorized to charge any necessary fees, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account 50-2401.

Respectfully submitted,

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